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In the October issue of *CALIFORNIA MEDICINE*, the price of the book "Alcoholism" by Arnold Z. Pfeffer was printed as \$6.50. The price is \$4.50.

OBSTETRICAL PRACTICE—Seventh Edition—Alfred C. Beck M.D., Professor Emeritus of Obstetrics and Gynecology, State University of New York, College of Medicine at New York City; formerly Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Long Island College of Medicine; and Alexander H. Rosenthal, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, State University of New York, College of Medicine at New York City; Chief Obstetrician and Gynecologist, Long Island Jewish Hospital, New Hyde Park, N. Y. The Williams & Wilkins Company, 1958, Baltimore, Maryland, 1115 pages, \$14.00.

This textbook has become firmly established as a leader in its field, and its popularity is attested by the appearance of this new edition only three years after the appearance of the previous one. In order to include much of the newer knowledge of placental function, the section dealing with the structure and physiology of this organ was entirely rewritten and considerably extended. Numerous revisions have been made in the chapters concerned with prenatal care and the management of labor. To quote a few, continuous intravenous pitocin infusions are advised for uterine dysfunction, the Crede technique for placental delivery has been replaced by the Brandt suprapubic maneuver, and more rigid criteria have been cited for the use of potentially dangerous radiologic examinations and blood transfusions during pregnancy.

Other chapters which have been rewritten are those on multiple pregnancy, prolapse of the umbilical cord, and choriocarcinoma. Newer views on the etiology and treatment of hydramnios, resulting from Plentl's investigations using deuterium oxide as a tracer, are described and there is a graphic representation of water exchange in normal pregnancy and in pregnancy complicated by hydramnios. A good deal of new material on anomalies of the umbilical cord has been added, and in the chapter on retained placenta it is now recommended that manual removal be undertaken immediately if hemorrhage is profuse, otherwise after an expectant delay of no more than half an hour.

The book is profusely illustrated with the simple, clear line drawings which have been so helpful in previous editions, and there is an appendix consisting of 22 photographs of roentgenograms showing various types of pelvis, abnormal fetal positions, and a few other pathologic situations. This continues to be an excellent textbook, particularly well adapted to the undergraduate student because it is relatively devoid of controversial material and theories of doubtful validity. For the same reason, the more advanced graduate student or the practicing specialist may find its didactic tone and concise statements unsuited to their needs.

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ENDOCRINE PATHOLOGY OF THE OVARY—John McLean Morris, M.D., Associate Professor of Gynecology, Yale University School of Medicine; and Robert E. Scully, M.D., Clinical Associate in Pathology, Harvard Medical School, C. V. Mosby Company, St. Louis, 1958. 151 pages, 75 illustrations, \$8.50.

This thin monograph, written by a gynecologist and a pathologist, deals with a small but fascinating segment of ovarian pathology. An introductory section discusses gonadal embryology and histology, sex hormones, and the various endocrine syndromes associated with ovarian lesions. Some attention is given to non-neoplastic lesions, such as polycystic ovaries and hyperthecosis, but the major portion of the book is devoted to functioning ovarian tumors. A final chapter describes the so-called "functioning stroma" of certain tumors not customarily thought to have functional potentialities, such as occasional Brenner tumors, cystadenomas, and ovarian carcinomas.

In addition to many excellent photomicrographs and much descriptive histopathology, the book contains abundant clinical information and many pertinent case reports from teaching hospitals in Boston and New Haven. It should be of value to all pathologists who encounter ovarian lesions, and should be available to gynecologists, pediatricians, and internists who have occasion to sort out endocrine disorders. The numerous reference lists appended to each chapter are particularly helpful.

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COCCIDIOIDOMYCOSIS—Marshall J. Fiese, M.D., F.A.C.P., Director of Health Services, Fresno State College; Clinical Instructor in Medicine, Stanford University School of Medicine; Consultant in Internal Medicine and formerly Chief, Medical Service, Fresno Veterans Administration Hospital. Charles C. Thomas, Springfield, Illinois, 1958. 253 pages, \$9.50.

With the widespread realization, during the past few years, of the practical importance of mycotic infections such as coccidioidomycosis and histoplasmosis, it was inevitable that someone should "take stock" in monographic form of one or more of these diseases.

No one could be better fitted to deal with coccidioidomycosis than Dr. Fiese. Educated at Stanford in the atmosphere created by Dickson and by C. E. Smith, later an active worker in the field in the San Joaquin Valley, he is expert in the subject to his finger tips.

Dr. Fiese has produced a beautiful and definitive monograph. Beginning with the admirable section on the historical development of the subject no phase is left untouched—pathology, mycology, immunology, epidemiology, treatment, etc. The book is handsomely printed on fine paper, profusely illustrated, and there is a comprehensive chronological bibliography of 968 titles.

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